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FOR GARRISON FROM SHINN

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. RE PARA 1, MOSCOW 18425. BATES COLLEGE CONTACTED AND MESSAGE GIVEN TO DEAN REESE DUE TO ABSENCE OF DEAN CARIG MRS. MARK E. GARRISON CONTACTED AND STATED ERIC OR SOMEONE WILL CONTACT SARAH, WHO IS VACATIONING IN WYOMING, AND PASS INFORMATION TO HER.

2. CAN YOU GIVE US A CURRENT FIX ON WHEN SUTTON WANTS TO END HIS TOUR IN MOSCOW?

3. THE AMBASSADOR WILL BE RECEIVING A LETTER FROM READ ASKING THAT A GROUP PLANNING TO VISIT IN LATE SEPTEMBER BE PUT UP WITHIN THE EMBASSY. IN LIGHT OF HOUSING DIFFICULTIES THIS MAY POSE, IT HAS BEEN AGREED THAT WE HAVE THE OPTION OF USING THIS CHANNEL RATHER THAN LETTERS TO DEAL WITH THOSE
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PROBLEMS.

4. RE FAMILIARIZATION TRAVEL: CIA IS STILL TAKING A HARD-LINE AGAINST SUCH TRAVEL ALTHOUGH THERE HAS BEEN ONE RECENT EXCEPTION MADE. YOUR LAST O-I WAS GARBLED ON THIS MATTER, BUT I UNDERSTAND THAT YOU WILL NOW GIVE US YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS ON THE DIA TRAVEL WE REFERRED TO YOU EARLIER.

5. REGARDING THE AMBASSADOR'S SCHEDULE, THE SPONSORS IN GEORGIA AND AT THE CITADEL (STATE 194322) HAVE EXPRESSED HOPE FOR AN EARLY CONFIRMATION OF DATES IN ORDER TO BEGIN MAKING PREPARATIONS. THE CITADEL IS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED, SINCE THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEND OUT INVITATIONS SOON TO ATTENDEES OF A "CITADEL COMMUNITY FORUM" BEING SPECIALLY ARRANGED FOR AMBASSADOR'S VISIT. AMBASSADOR'S SEPTEMBER 1 CALLS ON WARNKE AND NEWSOM ARE SET, AS ARE DENTAL APPOINTMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 29.

6. RE YOUR QUERY ABOUT VASEV'S CALL ON CHRISTOPHER, WE HAD THE MEETING STAFFED BUT VASEV GAVE CHRISTOPHER HIS NOTES AS A "NON-PAPER" RATHER THAN TALK ABOUT HIS SUBJECT BEFORE THE EXPANDED AUDIENCE (LUERS, WILLEMS). VASEV'S ONLY COMMENT WAS THAT THE MATTER WOULD BE RAISED IN THE COUNTRIES THE SECRETARY WOULD BE VISITING, AND THE SOVIETS "DIDN'T WANT TO GIVE RISE TO ANY FALSE HOPES". OUR GUESS WOULD BE THAT THE NON-PAPER DEALT WITH PRESS STORIES OF PRISONER EXCHANGES.

7. YOU ARE CORRECT IN ANTICIPATING SOMETHING ON THE PENTECOSTALISTS, BUT THE PRODUCTION HAS A CAST OF THOUSANDS AND ADVANCES SLOWLY. PRESENCE OF JACK MATLOCK PLUS YOUR OI VERY HELPFUL IN QUASHING NOTIONS ABOUT EVICTION. CHRISTOPHER

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